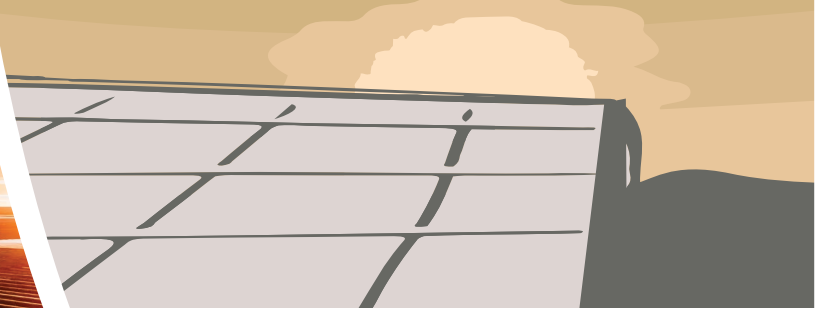# BOIKANYO SOLAR

QUARTER 2 2022 NEWSLETTER

GENDER-BASED **VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

We partnered with local stakeholders to put our support behind an awareness campaign that addresses violence and abuse against women and children.

The objective of the programme is to prevent violence in close relationships as a gender-based phenomenon and to foster gender equality.

> "Gender-based violence is a "pandemic", and like a disease it continues to cripple our society and rob women and children of their right to be safe and go about their day without fear. It is a human rights violation, which results in physical and psychological trauma for its victims," **said Pamela Matyeka, CLO for Boikanyo Solar.**

SMME CERTIFICATE **EVENT**

As part of our Enterprise Development Accelerator Programme, 35 SMMEs have been awarded certificates upon completion of the programme.

As part of this initiative, entrepreneurs have been equipped with skills that will enable them to launch and run sustainable businesses that can positively impact the community's economic output by providing employment and services that are needed, thereby curbing the high unemployment rate.

Furthermore, 15 entrepreneurs have been selected to receive further support through a nine-month technical accredited training programme.

> "It was a great honour and a privilege to be part of the Boikanyo Solar enterprise development programme as well as the certificate ceremony. As a result of this training, I feel inspired to expand my business and create job opportunities," **said Christine Sentiwe, director of DTS Business Trading Enterprise and Projects (PTY) Ltd.**

SCHOOL CHILD INITIATIVE: SCHOOL BAGS WITH TOILETRY PACKS & STATIONERY PACKS

We are proud to have funded 150 grade 9 and 10 learners, across three schools within the Siyancuma Local Municipal, with new branded school bags, which include a toiletry pack and a stationery pack per learner.

Working in collaboration with the Department of Education, this Back-2-School Programme was designed to promote dignity, regain learners' confidence, and improve self-esteem among learners.

Furthermore, the programme benefitted a local black male-owned SMME, through which the bags were branded, thereby contributing to both Socio-Economic Development and Local Economic Development in our area.

"A school bag packed including toiletry packs and stationery packs are important tools and a significant element in a child's school career as to ensure learners do have the important school tools to help motivate them to attend school and they are encouraged about the important of schooling," **said Pamela Matyeka**

ICT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT NQF LEVEL 4

A training course, sponsored by Boikanyo Solar, has brought together 20 young people from Douglas, Northern Cape, to develop their ICT skills.
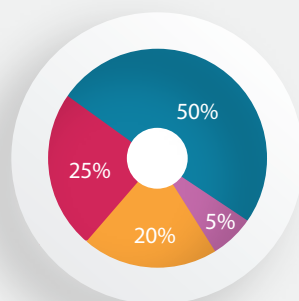
Through this credited course, participants will gain knowledge and skills in IT and receive a Technical Support Certificate level 4 with 163 credits. In phase two of the training programme, participants will receive Further Education and Training Certificate (FETC) in Information Technology: Systems Development, level 4 with 165 credits.

This qualification is designed to build foundations for entry into the field of Computer Sciences and Information Technology, specifically into the field of Systems Development.

"I am very grateful to be able to take part in such an amazing programme and to be able to gain so much knowledge and experience. My dream is to start my own business where I will teach children and previously disadvantaged youth how to use computers and create websites," **said Lebogang Mongale, who is one of the participants.**

QUARTERLY SPEND (Q2 2022)

- Education — 50%
- Hearts & Mind — 5%
- Skills Development — 20%
- Enterprise Development — 25%

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